

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 5, 2010 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Claim Status and Amendments

Claims 1-44 presently appear in this application. Claims 1-19 have been examined on the merits and stand rejected. Claims 20-44 have been withdrawn as non-elected subject matter. Claims 4, 10, and 18 have also been objected to for containing informalities. No claims have been allowed.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-19 would be allowable if amended or rewritten to overcome the informality objections and the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Please note that the claims have been so amended by the present amendment. In particular, the claims have been amended, in a non-narrowing manner, to overcome the noted objections and rejections raised by the Examiner. Such revisions are unrelated to patentability. The revisions are non-substantive and not intended to narrow the scope of protection. Support can be found in the original claims as filed. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, the elected product claims, i.e., claims 1-19, will remain pending upon entry of this amendment, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance for the reasons discussed herein. Please consider the possibility of rejoinder of non-elected method claims 20-44 at this time.

Favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims are requested.

The amended claims do not present any new issues for consideration and/or search, because they merely incorporate subject matter already considered by the Examiner in the present Office Action. Accordingly, if the next Office Action on the merits includes a new ground of rejection of one or more claims, it must be non-final.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 4, 10, and 18 have been objected to for minor informalities for the reasons noted on page 3 of the Action.

The objection is overcome, as applied to the amended claims, for reasons which are self-evident. Specifically, claim 4 has been amended to recite "N-N-dimethyl" instead of "N-N'-dimethyl." Claim 10 has been amended to correct an obvious spelling error and to use proper Markush style language. Claim 18 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

III. Indefiniteness Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted on page 4 of the Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment overcomes this rejection, for reasons which are self-evident. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite "upto 70% by weight" to thereby indicate the basis on which the percentage is to be calculated, as supported by the disclosure, for example, at page 8, Table 1. Also, claim 10 has been amended to proper Markush style format. The claims, as amended, are thus clear, definite and have full antecedent basis. This rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

IV. Other Matters

The prior art documents of record and not relied upon by the USPTO (on page 4 of the Action) have been noted, along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently material to warrant their application against any of Applicants' claims.

V. Conclusion

Having addressed all the outstanding issues, this paper is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested. If more is needed to obtain allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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